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PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

NAIR ET AL.

CASE NO.: CR9981 US DIV

APPLICATION NO.: UNKNOWN

GROUP ART UNIT: UNKNOWN

FILED: CONCURRENTLY HEREWITH

EXAMINER: UNKNOWN

FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
GLYCEROL BY RECOMBINANT ORGANISMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-referenced application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, insert:

"This application is a division of 08/982,783 filed 3
December 1997, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S.
Application No. 08/968,418 filed 12 November 1997, claiming
priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/030,602, filed
13 November 1996."

At page 5, line 24, delete "12301 Parklawn Drive,
Rockville, MD 20852 U.S.A." and insert therefore --10801
University Blvd, Manassas, VA 20110-2209 U.S.A.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add new Claim 21:

--21. A method for the production of glycerol from a
recombinant organism comprising: